

Alberta's Used Oil Recycling Program Products, Definitions and Environmental Fees

The following table helps clarify which oil materials should be charged environmental fees when sold or supplied in or into Alberta, and which products should not be charged.

Eligible Oil Material Categories	Environmental Fee
a) Lubricating Oil	\$0.05 per litre
b) Oil Containers	\$0.05 per litre/container size
c) Oil Filters	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 8 inches or sump type filters • Equal to or greater than 8 inches 	\$0.50 \$1.00

Category of Eligible Oil Material	Environmental Fee
OIL FLUID & CONTAINER	\$0.05 per litre/container size
Additional Information	
All Oil Fluid and Oil Container (for container sizes of 30 Litres or less) Fluid is Program applicable since it is not consumed in use and is available for collection and recycling.	
Products included in this category:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ circulating oil ▪ compressor oil ▪ crankcase oil (petroleum or synthetic) ▪ electrical insulating oil ▪ engine oil ▪ gear oil ▪ hydraulic fluid ▪ marine engine oil for vessels operating domestically ▪ mineral heat transfer fluid ▪ natural gas compressor oil not consumed in use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ paper machine oil ▪ petroleum crankcase oil ▪ polyolester fluids ▪ power steering fluid ▪ refrigeration system oil ▪ re-refined oil ▪ synthetic crankcase oil ▪ transmission fluid ▪ turbine oil ▪ vegetable oil for lubrication ▪ vacuum pump oil

Category of Eligible Oil Material	Environmental Fee
OIL CONTAINER ONLY	\$0.05 per litre/container size
Additional Information	
Oil Container only (for container sizes of 30 Litres or less) Fluid is <i>not</i> Program applicable since it is consumed in use and not available for collection and recycling.	
Products included in this category:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2-cycle engine oil ▪ agricultural spray oil ▪ anti-seize lubricant ▪ chain oil ▪ conveyor lube ▪ dedusting oil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ marine cylinder oil ▪ metal working oil ▪ natural gas compressor oil consumed in use ▪ pneumatic system oil ▪ process oil ▪ quenching oil

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ drawing, stamping and shaping oil ▪ dripless lube ▪ emulsified oil ▪ food grade white mineral oil ▪ form release oil ▪ gasoline / 2-cycle engine oil mixes ▪ machine tool and slideway lubricant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ rock drill oil ▪ rustproof oil ▪ saw guide oil ▪ silicone lubricant ▪ textile oil ▪ wiring pulling lubricant (petroleum or vegetable based) |
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Excluded (Oil Fluid & Container):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3-in-1 household oil ▪ aerosol propelled lubricant ▪ base oil, including re-refined base oil ▪ brake fluid ▪ cleaning/flushing fluids for motors/equipment ▪ cooking oil ▪ diesel fuel treatment ▪ ethylene glycol heat transfer fluid ▪ export oil sales ▪ glycol-based heat transfer fluid ▪ grease ▪ gun oil ▪ heating furnace oil ▪ hydraulic jack oil ▪ hydraulic oil dye ▪ kerosene ▪ marine engine oil for vessels operating internationally | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ oil additive ▪ oil treatment ▪ penetrating oil ▪ phosphate ester hydraulic fluid ▪ polyglycol synthetic compressor oil ▪ propylene glycol heat transfer fluid ▪ sewing machine oil ▪ silicone heat transfer fluid ▪ solvents ▪ synthetic aromatic hydrocarbon heat transfer fluid ▪ undercoating ▪ urethane coating ▪ water glycol hydraulic fluid ▪ wax ▪ windshield washer fluid ▪ winter start fluid |
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Category of Eligible Oil Material	Fees
OIL FILTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LESS THAN 8" OR A SUMP TYPE FILTERS • EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 8" 	\$0.50 \$1.00
Products included in this category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ spin-on or element style filter used in hydraulic, transmission or internal combustion engine applications including diesel fuel filter ▪ coolant filter ▪ diesel fuel filter used at retail & commercial pump islands ▪ household furnace fuel filter ▪ oil / air separator filter ▪ plastic / paper element style filter ▪ storage tank diesel fuel filter ▪ sump type automatic transmission filter ▪ locomotive filters 	
Excluded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ air filter ▪ crankcase ventilation filter ▪ gasoline fuel filter ▪ household furnace air filter ▪ sock-type filter 	

Category of Eligible Oil Material	
ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM)	
Additional Information	
<p>The following categories and equipment are examples of OEM products (non-exhaustive list). Please contact Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) at the number or email listed below for questions regarding the applicability of specific materials not identified on the list.</p> <p>NOTE: The OEM Categories of Recreational and Specialized Equipment became applicable in AB Used Oil Program, effective July 1, 2020.</p>	
OEM Categories	
Automotive	Cars, Light Trucks, Medium Duty, and Heavy-Duty Trucks, Buses and Motorhomes/Recreational Vehicles
Electrical Equipment	Transformers, Capacitors, Mobile/Portable Light Towers, Generators, Compressors, Auxiliary Power Unit (APU)
Riding Mowers and Utility Vehicles	Commercial use only, up until July 1, 2020, when all riding mowers became Program eligible
Agriculture Equipment	Combine, Forage Harvesters, Tractor, Wind Rowers, Aerators, Balers
Construction Equipment	Dozer, Dumper, Excavator, Grader, Horizontal Direction Drills, Kg. Pipe Layers, Rollers, Kg. Rollers, Scrapers, Trenchers, Dredgers, Power Shovel, Reclaimer, Backhoe, Pipelayer/Sideboom and Compaction Equipment
Forestry Equipment	Attachments (Planting, Site Preparation), Feller, Feller Bunchers, Harvesters, Log. Loaders, Processors, Slashers, Skidders, Yarder, and Forwarder
Recreational (effective July 1, 2020)	ATVs, Motorcycles, Utility Vehicles/Side-by-Sides, Snowmobiles, Personal Watercraft, Boats, Golf Carts, etc.
Specialized Equipment (effective July 1, 2020)	Airport/Tarmac Vehicles/Equipment, Mining, Military Equipment, Emergency, Vehicles, Miscellaneous Rental Equipment, etc.

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- www.albertarecycling.ca/recycling-programs/electronics-recycling-program/eligible-products-fees/

Notes:

1. This is not considered an exhaustive list. Products identified are examples based on Supplier inquiries. If you require assistance in verifying whether or not a particular electronic product should be charged an environmental fee, please call ARMA at 1-888-999-8762 or email us at usedoil@albertarecycling.ca.
2. Pursuant to the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, [Used Oil Designation Regulation and the Used Oil Recycling Bylaw](#), environmental fees must be remitted on all sales/supplies of designated eligible oil material in or into Alberta.

ARMA is a member of the Used Oil Management Associations of Canada (UOMA). For information and a list of fees related to the other UOMA provinces, please visit the UOMA website <https://usedoilrecycling.com/>

Used Oil Management Associations

- **AB** Alberta Recycling Management Authority (**ARMA**)
- **BC** Used Oil Management Assoc (**BCUOMA**)
- **MB** Association for Resource Recovery Corp (**MARRC**)
- **SK** Association for Resource Recovery Corp (**SARRC**)
- **QC** La Société de gestion des huiles usagées (**SOGHU**)
- **NB** Société de gestion des huiles usagées de l'Atlantique/Atlantic Used Oil Management Association (**UOMA NB**)
- **PE** Société de gestion des huiles usagées de l'Atlantique/Atlantic Used Oil Management Association (**UOMA PE**)
- **NL** Société de gestion des huiles usagées de l'Atlantique/ Atlantic Used Oil Management Association (**UOMA NL**)
- **NS** Société de gestion des huiles usagées de l'Atlantique/ Atlantic Used Oil Management Association (**UOMA NS**)